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Apartment complexes have surplus compost as rising fuel prices make it hard for farmers to pay for transportation/procurement

COMPOST TRUTH

Apartments generate around 10-15 tonnes of compost per week

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As the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike insisted apartment complexes housing more than 100 apartments process their biodegradable waste, many apartment complexes in the city began composting their organic waste.

Now, apartments are struggling to dispose of excess compost. Farmers with a demand for compost are willing to buy from apartment complexes but are unable to meet transportation costs leading to a stockpile.

In 2019, the BBMP mandated in situ composting at apartments generating more than 100 kg of wet waste per day. In 2022, another circular was issued stating that apartments, multi-dwelling units, gated communities, and housing more than 100 units would be considered as bulk waste generators.

As per the rules, bulk waste generators have to ensure in situ processing of biodegradable waste through composting or bio-methanation.

Over the years, many apartment complexes have resorted to composting in a bid to make a

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"We are not seeing sales like last year. BBMP could run at least one vehicle to transport compost to farmers

— Savitha Hiremath, member, SWMRT

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Classical tunes

World-renowned Indian classical music artistes, across disciplines of Carnatic, Hindustani, Kathak, Tabla and Sitar will be performing at the Whitefield Music Festival 2022 presented by Ananda Dhwani Music Trust. Fourteen renowned maestros and artistes from across India would be performing, engaging and entertaining the audience with their performances in five concerts scheduled over the two days.
Where: Inner Circle Ground, Whitefield
When: December 3 – 4, 5 pm onwards
RSVP: 96064 44452

02 Art for thought

Blr Creative Circus presents an exhibition of paintings by Namita Kulkarni. This series was made as a result of a grant from ICAAD (International Centre for Advocates Against Discrimination), a human rights advocacy centre in New York. The idea is to make explicit the link between colonialism and the climate crisis. Often framed as simply a matter of reducing carbon emissions, the climate crisis is a result of colonialism, both historical and ongoing.
Where: Bangalore Creative Circus
When: Till December 15, (Mondays closed), 11:00 am to 7 PM; Info: 9920944966

03 Papusza's story

Nrityakosh, an oriental and fusion belly dance school, presents 'Papusza' a dance production on the life of the greatest Polish Romani poet Papusza. The production will revolve around Papusza's life; she was a path-breaker, a female poet in a culture that deemed literacy 'unsuitable' for women. The audiences will be witnessing Muwashshahat, Classical Egyptian Oriental, El-Hagallah, Contemporary & Indian fusion formats of Belly Dance. The production will also witness pieces that have Kathak, Flamenco and Contemporary dance vocabulary.
Where: Bangalore International Centre, Domlur
When: December 4, 7 pm
Tickets: bookmyshow.com

18 months on, Cubbon Park's gazebo is back!

Bengaluru Smart City Limited officials restore gazebo that was broken last year; visitors are relieved

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The gazebo at Cubbon Park provides respite from the rain and senior citizens can unwind here

The Bengaluru Smart City Limited (BSCL) has finally restored a gazebo that came crashing down when a tree branch fell on it more than 18 months ago. The delay in restoration of the gazebo caused a lot of inconvenience to the visitors whenever it rained.

"I am very happy to see the gazebo restored. I have been a regular visitor to Cubbon Park for more than a decade. The gazebo was a great comfort to visitors whenever it rained. The authorities took longer to restore the gazebo," said Muralikrishna D, a resident of Sampangi Rama Nagar, located close to the park.

Many visitors, especially children, had expressed their displeasure over the delay in restoration of the gazebo last year. Children, who used to play on the road near Chamaraja Wadiyar statue, were the worst affected whenever it rains due to the lack of a shelter.

"I am grateful to the BSCL authorities for restoring the gazebo. It will be a great help. I want the BSCL authorities to complete the pending work as early as possible," said Ramesh Chandra, a visitor.

> **"The gazebo is a much-needed facility at Cubbon Park. Visitors can relax for a while there** – NS Umesh, President, Cubbon Park Walkers' Association

The work on the restoration of the gazebo began a few days ago. The BSCL authorities put up a temporary shelter after removing the remnants of the gazebo that collapsed last year. "It is quite surprising that there was a delay in restoration of the gazebo. It requires not much money but the authorities concerned kept delaying it," said Shankar Prasad, a visitor.

The Cubbon Park Walkers' Association President S Umesh appreciated the BSCL authorities for restoring the gazebo. Umesh said that it would help many people who visit Cubbon Park. "The gazebo is a much-needed facility at Cubbon Park. Visitors can relax for a while there. Senior citizens spend leisure time at the gazebo," said Umesh.

Our June 1 story covered how citizens were waiting for the gazebo to be repaired

Meanwhile, BSCL engineer Gowri said the funds allocated for developmental work at Cubbon Park were used for the restoration of the gazebo. "Most of the work at the gazebo is completed. We did not spend much money on the restoration. It will be handed over to the Horticulture Department shortly," said the BSCL engineer. BSCL has to complete all the ongoing work at Cubbon Park by the end of December.

Bangalore Mirror had published the story – Waiting for gazebo – on June 1, 2022, narrating the visitors' woes due to the delay in restoration of the gazebo.

Bengaluru, tune in to the echoes of earth

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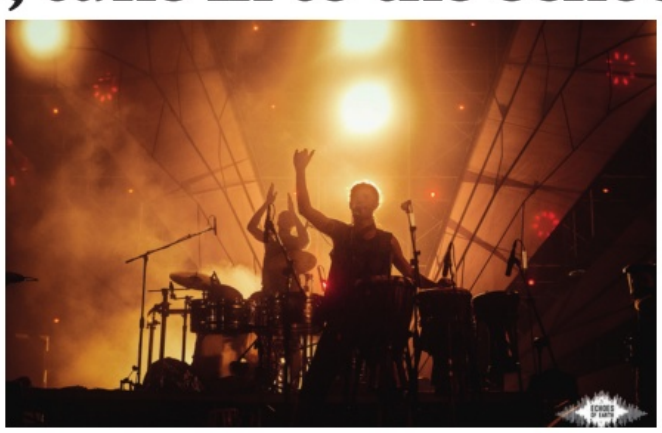

India's greenest music festival, Echoes of Earth, is back with its fifth edition in Bengaluru.

With inventive stages created from upcycled material to curating eclectic music genres that is known to bring together a new-age listening audience, the festival is set to bring back the essence of conscious lifestyle events that promotes mindfulness, sustainability and an alternate, circular lifestyle.

In its fifth edition, Echoes of Earth is bringing together stories of wildlife and nature conservation from the unexplored crevices of India's diverse ecosystems through its theme 'Circle of life'.

This unique circle hosts a range of positive human impact stories that is empowering and uplifting the planet's endangered species and landscapes. The circle can be best described as 'A space that holds room for everyone and one where celebration has no pause'.

Converging on the festival's four upcycled stages are musical acts that are culturally and socially diverse.

The much-anticipated final line-up includes the likes of The Yussef Dayes Experience, Dorian Concept, Klangophonics, Vieux Farka Toure to local acts such as Anyasa, Hanumankind, Easy Wanderlings, Many Roots Ensemble etc.

Echoes of Earth continues as a festival, continues to introduce its audience to the newer genres and charters the future of a mindful listening audience in the country.

Echoes of Earth will be held at the Embassy Riding School on December 3 and 4.

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One-way to man traffic

Police look at making service roads along ORR one-way, Outer Ring Road Companies Association may deploy traffic marshalls like Electronic City

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Service roads along the Outer Ring Road (ORR) may become one-way if the police have their way. Recently, the Outer Ring Road Companies Association (ORRCA) met Special Commissioner MA Saleem and presented a list of suggestions to decongest ORR. Based on the feedback, Saleem shot off a letter to the jurisdictional police to take the following measures.

One of them is to make the service road on ORR one-way from Hebbal flyover to Silk Board, as the main carriage way is not fully available due to Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) works.

A senior official said that service roads have been constructed so that they cater to local traffic as the vehicles going long distances can use the main carriageway.

The roads at many places are made bi-directional so that they can be taken without crossing the road. However, the traffic situation is going from bad to worse on ORR, they said, adding that more than one lane on either side has been occupied by BMRCL to lay piers for the airport metro network. Congestion has also worsened during peak hours.

"Due to the shrinking of the main carriageway, many vehicles are shifting to service roads. For example, before Horamavu junction, many vehicles are moving from main carriageway to service road so that they can avoid traffic snarls.

However, there are traffic jams on the service road as the vehicles coming from the other side block traffic. To prevent this, there is a suggestion to make service roads one way till the metro work is completed. We are studying the proposals," they added.

File photo of traffic on outer Ring Road (ORR); Congestion in ORR is reportedly going from bad to worse with one lane on either side being occupied by BMRCL for laying (airport metro network) piers

> **"Due to the shrinking of the main carriageway, many vehicles are shifting to service roads in order to avoid traffic snarls**
> – Senior police official

Another directive from Saleem is to remove parking encroachment of service roads.

At many places, the width of the road has reduced because of this. With many commercial establishments coming up at ORR service road, a few stretches have become parking lots as well.

In a letter, Saleem said that private buses parked on ORR for a considerably long time should be regulated.

A senior official said, "We are facing this problem at the Tin factory junction especially. As this road is the gateway to destinations in Kolar, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu, we see a lot of private buses parked on the road.

Many of the buses don't pick up passengers and move. They wait till they get an adequate number of commuters. As they wait longer, the traffic gets bad. There is a need to regulate the buses and ensure that they quickly move out."

Traffic problems at Marathahalli junction are increasing since people are returning to work.

There is a proposal to either close or regularise the U-Turns between Marathahalli Bridge and Yemlur. Since there is a severe shortage of police personnel to man the traffic, the ORRCA has come forward to provide 50 Traffic Marshalls.

"They should be deployed along with traffic policemen to remove wrong parking and regulate traffic. Their uniform should be similar to Traffic Marshalls of Electronic City Industries Association (ELCIA)," the letter from Saleem said.

Binny Mills Circle could become smaller

Police have asked BBMP to redo it in order to make traffic flow smoother there

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and Bangalore Traffic police are mulling a proposal to reduce the size of the Binny Mill Circle to facilitate faster movement of traffic in the area.

Taking note of the narrow roads near the stretch, traffic police officials have written to the Palike with a proposal to adjust the junction circle. DCP West (Traffic), Kuldeep Kumar Jain, told Bangalore Mirror, "The roads are very narrow, and to ensure maximum passage of traffic, we are mulling improvement of the junction. Bigger vehicles like buses struggle to pass through the area. We are planning to increase the space to allow more vehicles to pass through. We have already spoken to the BBMP TEC wing about the project." BBMP officials confirmed that the proposal is in place, but they are yet to determine if the decision to go ahead with the same be taken.

A view of the Binny Mills area (File photo); Bangalore Traffic Police personnel have spoken to BBMP TEC wing regarding the matter

> **"The roads are very narrow; to ensure maximum passage of traffic, we are mulling improvement of the junction** – Kuldeep Jain, DCP West

"Traffic police officials have put forward a plan, and we will depute engineers to conduct a study regarding the feasibility. Earlier, due to the size of the circle, vehicles were not able to right turn in that area. We are planning to restrict the area and reduce the diameter of the circle. We need to evaluate the net area, which can be done after marking the circle. The diameter of the circle can be decided once that is done," said Jayasimha, Executive Engineer, BBMP TEC.

A detailed study regarding this will be taken up by the civic body soon, following which the plan will be drawn.

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Fix the road
Rajajinagar

This road in Subramanyanagar second stage, 5th Main Road, E-block, Rajajinagar has not been fixed for the last two months.

Broken slabs
Arekere

There are broken footpath slabs in Arekere signal. Despite complaints, BBMP authorities have failed to act.

Neglected area
Anjanapura Layout

The 80-feet road in Anjanapura Layout continues to be in a terrible condition.

Hit-and-run accused on run for 13 yrs

Halasuru police have jailed a criminal absconding for 13 years after being convicted of a hit-and-run. The accused has been identified as Raghunath Paswan.

In 2009, Raghunath, who was driving a cab, hit a pedestrian near NRI Layout under Halasuru Police Station.

A case was registered, the accused was arrested and a chargesheet was submitted in the court.

After he was found guilty, the court sentenced him to six months in prison and fined him Rs 5,000. Raghunath had approached the High Court challenging the lower court's decision.

After hearing arguments in the High Court, the 5th Traffic Court upheld the verdict. He was ordered to appear before the court within a month. But he escaped.

CRIME FILES

Family feud turns deadly

Aman was allegedly killed by his relatives due to a family feud that took place near JJ Nagar police station on Monday.

The victim has been identified as Imayun, a resident of JJ Nagar. His relative Javed was also injured in the incident. Police said that relatives of the deceased have been taken into custody.

According to cops, there was a rift between Javed and his wife due to a family issue. Later, his wife's brother, Faisal, came to broker peace between the couple which led to a fight.

Syed Faisal attacked Imayun who also intervened. He collapsed and immediately, the family members decided to take Imayun to the hospital. But he died on his way. A case has been registered at JJ Nagar police station.

Woman violated

A 22-year-old woman was allegedly gangraped by a driver of a ride-hailing app and his friend. The police have arrested three including two men and a woman.

According to the police, the incident took place on the night of November 25. The victim had booked a ride from BTM Layout to Neeladri Nagar on Friday night. The driver instead took her to his friend's house.

"The woman was intoxicated. When the driver reached Neeladri Nagar, she was semi-conscious. He then took her to his friend's place and they raped her. When she gained consciousness, they threatened her," said the police.

After the incident, the woman visited a hospital and contacted a police officer of her native place in Kerala.

Deputy Commissioner of Police, South-East, CK Baba, said, "We came to know about the rape case from an officer in Kerala. Later the police visited the hospital and filed an FIR."

The police had formed a special team to investigate the case and they arrested the accused within three days of the crime.

One of the male accused is a 22-year-old, the other one is 23-year-old.

—Ahna Prakash

Crime and punishment

Peeved at cop's behaviour? Scan the code to complain

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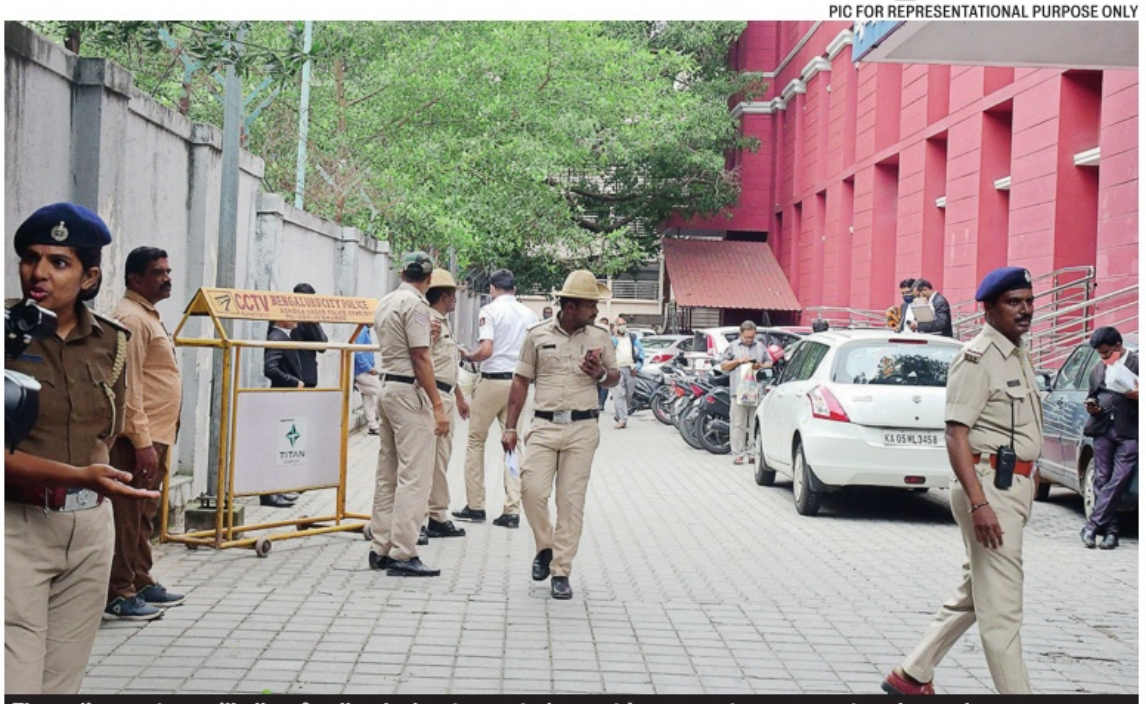

The online system will allow feedback about cops to be sent in a more transparent and speedy manner

Fourteen police stations under South East Division to have QR codes for citizen feedback and complaints

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Earlier, if you wanted to complain against a cop or simply give feedback about an experience in a police station, you had to write a letter or provide feedback in a book, at the station.

To change this practice, for the first time in the tech city, the police have started a pilot project where one can scan QR codes in the stations to give feedback about their experiences in the police stations.

This facility has been started at 14 police stations under the South East Division. DCP (South East) CK Baba said, "At times, we receive complaints saying that they had issues at police stations. This could be due to a communication gap. Despite having cameras inside the stations, the complaints have not ceased. So, we have taken up this project under pilot basis in the South eEst division which has 14 jurisdictional law and order police stations along with ACP offices."

> **We will review the feedback every evening and try to resolve the issues if there are any**
>
> —CK Baba, DCP (South East)

Each of the offices will have banners where QR codes will be displayed. People have to scan these quotes which will take them to a site with multiple questions. A complainant can scan the code and then give feedback.

Baba added, "The online feedback will be very helpful to both the complainants as well as the cops. I would request the concerned to share their feedback honestly and without fear. If we get the right feedback, we will be able to take action. We will review the feedback on a daily basis every evening and try to resolve the issues if there are any."

"Though things have changed in the recent past, people are still hesitant to reach out to police stations to air their views or concerns. There have been multiple incidents where complainants might have got a proper response at a lower level. We see that this is the reason why people try to reach out to the higher ups to raise the issues. However, it is not possible for everyone to go. So, if the complainants are reviewed regularly and action is taken, then this can be a nice initiative," said C Shekar, a resident of south Bengaluru.

Chaya R, a techie, added that Bengaluru is known for its technology. So, even the police should not be left behind. "I feel that the QR code is the right way ahead as one can give feedback from their mobile phone itself so that we are not scared to reach out to the higher-ups. However, there should be a provision that one can also give feedback anonymously as we may not want to share our phone numbers over protection of privacy for complainants."

'E-applications needed for prisoners' families'

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A group of activists have written to the State Government asking for an online application system to be set up for visiting prisoners.

Members of Mahithi Hakku Adhyayana Kendra wrote to higher officials highlighting the plight of the prisoners' families. The letter was addressed to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Karnataka Home Minister Araga Jnanendra, Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Director General of Police (Prisons and Correctional Services) and the Secretary to Government (E-governance Department).

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At Central Prison, medical facilities are on the way
Parappana Agrahara's inmates can now avail of various health schemes

BM had reported on Nov 12 about plans to make health schemes accessible to prison inmates

Veeresh Belluru of Mahithi Hakku Adhyayana Kendra said, "Manual entries of visitors are not reliable. Through online methods, bookings for visiting prisoners can be done online and consequently, the slots can be provided. Already, 1,800 services are being provided by the government online and this also needs to be included."

As per the current system, visitors are forced to spend a whole day to get a slot. "If you get a visitor's ticket by 11 am, after all the formalities are completed, the prisoner is brought by 3 pm. A digital system will also create a more reliable and accountable system recording the visitor's time and visiting time," said Belluru.

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Prayer mode Large number of devotees at the lord Subramanya Temple in VV Puram on Tuesday

Light of Mahadevapura's life

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has finished 60% of the work on installation of 9,827 new street lights at the Mahadevapura constituency. The area has been lit up by 5,000-plus new LED street lights.

The residents had multiple times complained to the authorities about the dark roads of the Mahadevapura zone. Now, many areas are lit up. The remaining 40 % of the work is expected to be over in the next two months.

Initially the government officials aimed at completing the project by October, however there was a delay due to challenges like inter-department coordination, sudden downpour and approvals from various departments.

The project was initiated in two phases of Rs 15 crore and Rs 10 crore contracts. The first phase of Rs 15 crore is said to have included the LED lights installation. "In the first phase, LED lights were replaced on the existing poles and over 5,000 lights have been installed. The second phase worth Rs 10 crore, that includes setting up of new electric poles and lights, has also begun. There is a target to set up 929 new poles and so far 150 have been installed," said Clement Jaykumar, Secretary, Mahadevapura Task Force (MTF).

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Darker side of Whitefield
"On existing poles, we have got luminaires installed. But there are many gaps where there are no poles, hence the BBMP folks cannot

Area is now lit up by 5,000-plus new street lights; 40% of the work remains; BM had reported on Nov 22 about the delay in istallation of street lights in Whitefield area

High mast lights have been successfully installed at 23 locations which include Doddanekundi Junction, Graphite India Junction, Hagadur Junction, CMRIT Junction, AET College Road, Kadugodi traffic police station, Iblur Junction, Y Junction, Kadugodi and others. These lights can cover a larger area as they are mounted on a tall pole while the lighting consists of a luminaire ring surrounding the pole with one or several lighting fixtures around it.

Asked about the delay in the completion of the project, Jaykumar said, "There were initial problems like the inter department coordination between BBMP and BESCOM. BESCOM has to provide the meter and the connection. This apart, approvals have to come from the BBMP Civil Engineering department and Bengaluru traffic police after which the BBMP electrical department can start the work. In some cases, the underground pipes would get damaged."

He added that, BESCOM had a shortage of three-phase meters, which is used for higher power supply. "Work was delayed for a few weeks till the meters became available. Rains also caused delays, as people couldn't be deployed to carry out electrical work during the rains," he said.

Some of the residents pointed out that the light installation is yet to be carried out in areas like Sarjapur, Carmelaram, Vydehi Hospital Junction, Belagere, Varthur Gunjur, which have been lacking street lights for long.

Hand Wash Day celebrated

Around 3,000 children participated in Global Hand Wash Day organised by Dr BR Ambedkar Health and Education Foundation on Sunday. The event was conducted in the urban slum areas of the city.

With the support of Unilever Limited, the organisation distributed soaps and refreshments. At the event, children were taught the importance of washing hands and inculcating it in their daily routine.

"Treating everyone with equality is the first step of the tradition. Today under the guidance of Dr BR Ambedkar we took a step in serving mankind," said Dr Anand N, Founder President of Dr BR Ambedkar Health and Education Foundation.

Border row: K'taka confident, says CM

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Tuesday said that his government is confident of effectively presenting its case in the Supreme Court on Wednesday on the border dispute between Maharashtra and Karnataka.

"The border dispute between Maharashtra and Karnataka is coming up for hearing on November 30 and senior advocate Mukul Rohtagi will effectively present the case on behalf of Karnataka," CM Bommai said.

Bommai was speaking to reporters in Delhi on Tuesday and said that Rohtagi has been a senior advocate and he has been briefed about the border row between the two states by the State Advocate General Prabhulinga Navadagi. "I have also given an explanation on the history of legal fights over this issue," he said. **ANI**

Manoeuvring the manure

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sustainable change. Apartments that are generating excess compost are struggling to find takers. Some apartments have tied up with NGOs to facilitate a platform connecting the apartments with farmers who require compost. But rising fuel costs are making it difficult for farmers to bear the transportation costs and pay the procurement price.

As per estimates, apartments generate around 10-15 tonnes of compost per week.

Sukanya, a resident of a housing complex with 120 flats in Yeshwanthpur, said they intended to reduce waste going to landfills.

"From April 2009, we have been segregating dry waste and from 2019, we started segregating and aerobic composting of wet waste. We are willing to give the compost at a lower cost but farmers find it difficult to bear transportation expenses. Currently, we have 1,000 kg of unsold compost in our apartments. We generate around 1,900 kg of waste per month in our apartment. It's an additional burden for us to transport the compost and deliver it to the farmers; it's not sustainable in the long run," she added.

According to apartment residents, storing high quantities of compost is not feasible either as most apartments have very less space allocated for this purpose.

"We have to buy coco peat and hire manpower leading to at least Rs 10,000-1,5000 in upkeep costs," added Sukanya. The cost of running the composter is borne by the RWA covered under maintenance charges.

Satish Mallya, a member of Bangalore Apartments' Federation, comprising 1,200+ RWAs, said they can either do in situ composting or give it to empanelled vendors but the list of vendors is yet to be declared.

"Most apartments are doing it but some are giving it to local agencies. Approximately, 1,000 kg of compost is available as per our estimates. Such large quantities are beyond the scope of our limited garden requirements. We have tied up with the Solid Waste Management Round Table (SWMRT) to facilitate a compost exchange. We are asking BBMP to create a service for taking away the excess compost," he added.

Nagendra Naik, a Bengaluru-based floriculturist, said approximately he needs at least 10-20 tonnes per month — "we are incurring the transportation costs and procuring the compost at Rs 1.5 per kg," added Naik.

The SWMRT started the Swacha Graha Compost Connect to link verified buyers and sellers to enable apartments to dispose of excess compost. Currently, they have tied up with 20-30 apartments to connect with farmers from areas like Anekal, Chandapura, Kolar and Ramanagara.

A member of SWMRT, Savitha Hiremath, said the round table was able to sell 190 tonnes of compost from 2019 to 2022.

"For past six months, we have not been seeing sales like last year. BBMP could run at least one vehicle to transport the compost to farmers," added Hiremath.

"We will verify the quantity of excess compost being generated in apartments; we will speak to Karnataka Compost Development Corporation to tackle the issue," BBMP special commissioner for solid waste management Dr Harish Kumar told BM.

No safari in Nagarhole

Safari plans inside Nagarhole Tiger Reserve's buffer zone were dropped by Karnataka Forest Department after backlash from locals, wildlife experts

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The Karnataka Forest Department has decided to drop the plan of making a safari inside the buffer zone of Nagarhole Tiger Reserve (NTR). According to officials from the department, the plan has been shelved after it drew flak from locals and wildlife conservationists.

The buffer area was added to the reserve to offset the pressure of tourism in the core habitat of the tiger reserve. However, since the time when the safari proposal was made, local people, including forest settlers, were in fear that elephants and tigers could be pushed into human habitation if the buffer zone safari begins.

While the proposed safari road suited the management plan by providing easy access to staff for prevent fires and control poaching, it did not go well with the essence of wildlife conservation.

"The proposed safari plan in the buffer zone of the reserve has been dropped. The zone was added to NTR in 2019 and we felt that using a fraction of the area for tourism can be a part of healthy conservation practices. However, the proposal received a lot of criticism and we do not want to go ahead with it," said BN Niranjan Murthy, Chief Conservator of Forests, Kodagu Circle.

The department, however, has decided to take up a scientific study of the tiger reserve to calculate the carrying capacity of the area based on the current population of wildlife.

"We are exploring the carrying capacity of NTR through an extensive study taken up in the reserve area. Based on the outcome of this study, measures will be taken to improve the forest quality, which in turn will reduce human-wildlife conflict incidents," he added.

"For instance, an elephant is a big animal that requires a large area and an abundant food source. We are working on improving the forest quality at Nagarhole by planting bamboo and other fruit-bearing trees," he further explained.

The decision has been welcomed by wildlife researchers and activists. They say that the proposed buffer zone safari, if allowed, would have impacted the flora and fauna of the tiger landscape and the people living on the periphery of the forest.

Joseph Hoover, President of United Conservation Movement and former Member of State Board for Wildlife, told Bangalore Mirror that the department's decision to drop the plan is an appreciated move.

Scores of elephants have settled in the coffee estates in that area and man-animal conflicts are escalating every other day. Four tigers have moved into coffee plantations, creating fear psychosis amongst estate owners and daily wage workers.

> **"We are exploring the carrying capacity of NTR through an extensive study taken up in the reserve area** –BN Niranjan Murthy, Chief Conservator of Forests

"If the safari roads are a necessity for forest and wildlife protection, it can be done through corporate social responsibility (CSR) contributions or revenue earned from the Tiger Foundation," he said.

"We will assist the department in raising awareness and funds. Moreover, the safari ticket counter proposed to be constructed in Muthur would have obstructed the movement of elephants and other wildlife species toward the water hole in Gundpatnakere," he added.

Conservationists also pointed to the ecological footprint of such tourism activities, including all kinds of non-degradable waste generated in the area.

"It would have increased the load on resorts in the nearby area. In any eco-sensitive or protected area, it is more difficult to control the crowd and manage the waste generated," said Ramesh Belagere, Wildlife Researcher, Foundation for Ecology and Education Development.

"We have conducted a few cleaning drives in some of the protected areas in Karnataka and have found items such as sanitary napkins and diapers," he added.

'Silent Sunil' AWOL, police on lookout

He was last seen on stage in Chamarajpet on Sunday with some leaders from BJP

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Three special teams were sent by the Central Crime Branch (CCB) police to search for rowdy sheeter Silent Sunil after his public presence at a blood donation camp in Chamarajpet. The police have searched his Amruthahalli residence, his friend's home, and other locations throughout the city.

According to the police, the rowdy sheeter was using his wife's phone, making it difficult to track him down.

As of now, the police have not sent any legal notice about his presence at the police station.

"Sunil will go to any police station if the CCB police send him a notification to attend an inquiry. Without giving prior notice, it's not possible to be there.

He made no attempt to flee," said Pramod Chandra, Sunil's lawyer.

"Sunil left on Sunday at the same time as the police were conducting a search.

He's now away doing personal work. He will appear in front of the police after they issue a notice in accordance with the court's directive," he added.

Parties spar over 'links' with Sunil

The ruling BJP and Opposition Congress in Karnataka on Tuesday locked horns over the two having links with rowdies and history-sheeters.

Close on the heels of Congress launching an all-out attack on BJP for its leaders sharing dais with a rowdy-sheeter, the saffron party retaliated and asked it to take up a count of rowdy-sheeters in its partyfold.

Responding to a question on rowdy sheeter 'Silent Sunil' sharing a dais with BJP leaders, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai asked the Congress leaders to count the number of rowdy-sheeters in their party.

"Silent Sunil is a notorious rowdy. Two BJP MPs were seen with him. Is it tenable to share a dais with him? BJP is pointing fingers at Congress regarding rowdy sheeters. Is this right?" Siddaramaiah asked.

Commenting on rowdy sheeter fighter Ravi joining BJP, Siddaramaiah stated that the name itself shows what kind of person he is.

On jailed Congress leaders, Siddaramaiah asked if Union Home Minister Amit Shah went to his father-in-law's place, referring to the incident about Shah being jailed earlier. "Shah was extradited and this country's Home Minister was sent to jail for more than three years. Today, he is the Home Minister and past President of BJP," he added. **IANS**

IN BRIEF

Prasanth Kumar is new AAAI prez

Prasanth Kumar, CEO, South Asia of GroupM Media (India) Pvt Ltd, was elected as the President of the Advertising Agencies Association of India (AAAI) for the year 2022-23 at its Annual General Body Meeting held on Tuesday.

The Advertising Agencies Association of India (AAAI) is a not-for-profit, industry-led and managed trade association of advertising agencies that was formed in 1945 to promote industry interests. Kumar said, "I'm extremely honoured. Advertising is, in my opinion, a dynamic and idea-driven industry. Collaboration with industry organisations will allow us to shape the industry in a progressive way that benefits everybody. I look forward to building synergies with like-minded people." **BMB**

'Can we fix it? Yes, we can'

A station guard of Malleswaram Traffic police station fixed a road divider near the Majestic underpass. On Monday, a twitter user had posted a video of the road, saying that the divider was broken and needs fixing to prevent accidents.

The Malleswaram Traffic police replied to the tweet stating that their station guard, Pujara Dandeppa, had fixed the road divider in less than 24 hours. "He fixed it with his sense of duty, and hence, made traffic smooth," said the police.

The swift action by the personnel has gained the appreciation of netizens.

'Criminal contempt' heavy on pockets

The High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday dropped a criminal contempt proceedings against an advocate after he tendered an unconditional apology and agreed to pay a fine of Rs 2 lakh.

The HC had initiated the suo moto (taken on its own) proceedings following a ruckus created by K N Jagadeesh at the City Civil and Sessions Court complex. A division bench headed by the Chief Justice P B Varale heard the petition on Tuesday.

The counsel for Jagadeesh filed an affidavit on his behalf tendering the unconditional apology and promising not to repeat such instances. The HC directed that of the fine imposed Rs 1 lakh should be deposited to the Karnataka Legal Services Authority, Rs 50,000 to the Advocates Association's library fund, and Rs 50,000 to the HC Clerks Welfare Association within the next two weeks. **PTI**

Explosives rule: ISRO exempt

No nod needed for manufacturing, storage, transportation of solid propellant

The government has exempted the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) from taking its approval for manufacturing, storage, use and transportation of solid propellant for space rockets to promote ease of doing business.

Earlier, ISRO was required to take a license from the Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisations (PESO), an arm of the department for promotion of industry and internal trade (DPIIT).

A solid propellant is the main fuel used in a category of space rockets.

According to a notification of the DPIIT, the exemption is subject to a few conditions.

"The central government hereby exempts Indian Space Research Organisation from the operation of all the provisions of the Explosives rule 2008 for manufacturing, storage, use and transportation of solid propellant for space rockets falling under UN Class I (explosives)," the notification said.

File photo of the PSLV C54 rocket carrying EOS-06 and eight nanosatellites at Satish Dhawan Space Centre, in Sriharikota

As per the conditions, ISRO has to follow the guidelines of the Storage and Transportation of Explosives Committee (STEC) for the construction of buildings for the manufacture, storage, transportation and use of explosives.

They also have to carry out a biennial safety audit of the solid propellant manufacturing facilities with the participation of a member from the Centre for Fire, Explosive and Environment Safety (CFEES), which is under the ministry of defence, as per the notification. An official said that the move is aimed at promoting ease of doing business.

The PESO, formerly known as the Department of Explosives, is a nodal agency for regulating the safety of hazardous substances, such as explosives, compressed gas and petroleum. The official said that ISRO has all the expertise in handling such explosives and the composition of these materials is complex and sensitive. ISRO was demanding this exemption, which was in place before 2008. In 2008, some changes were made in the explosives rule, which took away that exemption and now that has been restored, the official said. "For hazardous chemicals, they will have to take the license," the official added. – PTI

Sea of people throng VK Lake Festival

To create awareness about water conservation, Vijay Karnataka in collaboration with Kolar Zilla Panchayat organised the VK Lake Festival at Hanumanahalli in Mulabagilu Taluk of Kolar district on Tuesday.

The event received unprecedented response from the public. With the lakes brimming to the full after many decades, Vijay Karnataka offered a unique platform for the people to celebrate the occasion. The event was planned to create awareness about preserving water bodies and also to build a sense of community ownership among the people.

The Zilla Panchayat had put up various kiosks where farmers were able to get information regarding agriculture, agri machinery, Horticulture, Forestry, Organic Fertilisers and Sericulture. — V Sunil Kumar

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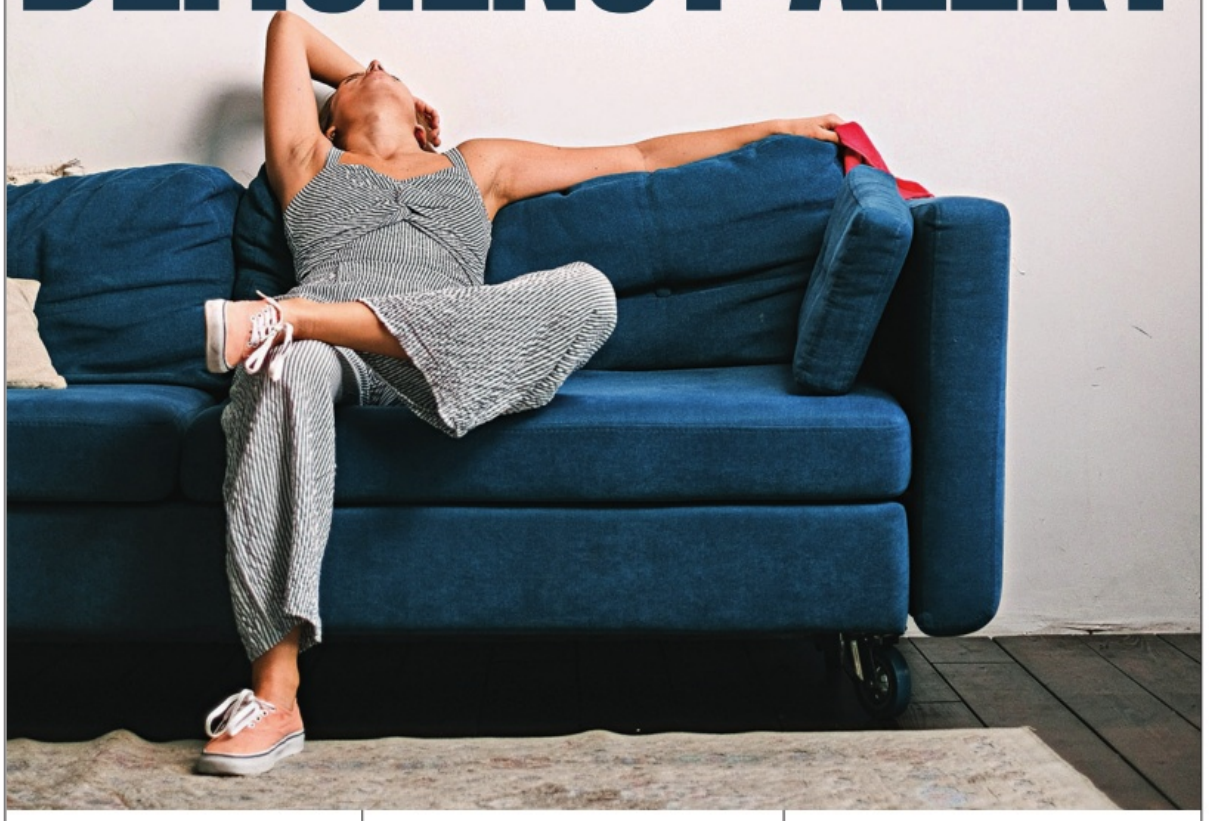

Vitamin B12 deficiency is a common health problem that can have serious consequences

For several months during the summer of 2022, my dog Scout vomited at 3 am nearly every day. If you have a dog, you know the sound. And each time, she gobbled up her mess before I could get to it, making diagnosis of the cause difficult.

The vet and I eventually settled on my hydrangeas as the source of the problem – but keeping Scout away from them didn't work. She started to seem tired all the time – highly concerning in a typically hyper yellow Lab puppy.

Then one day Scout vomited up a hairball – but not just any hairball. In dogs, hair normally passes easily through the digestive system, but this hairball was wrapped around a brillo pad that was too big to move through. Once this foreign object was removed, the overnight vomiting ended. Scout still needed treatment, though, for a different and surprising reason: The object had inhibited a step in her body's absorption of vitamin B12. B12 is an essential nutrient involved in proper functioning of blood cells, nerves and many other critical processes in the body.

I'm a registered dietitian, and I teach nutrition and food science to college students, but still I missed the B12 deficiency that was causing my puppy's fatigue. Doctors can just as easily be blind to it in people – even though B12 deficiency is a common health problem that affects an estimated 6% to 20% of the U.S. population.

B12 is scarce in the diet, and it is found only in foods from animal sources. Fortunately, humans need only 2.4 micrograms of B12 daily, which is equivalent to one ten-millionth of an ounce – a very, very small amount. Without adequate B12 in the body, overall health and quality of life are negatively affected.

Signs and symptoms

One primary symptom of B12 deficiency is fatigue – a level of tiredness or exhaustion so deep that it affects daily life activities.

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Other symptoms are neurological and may include tingling in the extremities, confusion, memory loss, depression and difficulty maintaining balance. Some of these can be permanent if the vitamin deficiency is not addressed.

However, since there can be so many causes for these symptoms, health care providers may overlook the possibility of a B12 deficiency and fail to screen for it. Further, having a healthy diet may seem to rule out any vitamin deficiency. Case in point: Because I knew Scout's diet was sound, I didn't consider a B12 deficiency as the source of her problems.

How B12 is absorbed

Research is clear that people who consume plant-based diets must take B12 supplements in amounts typically provided by standard multivitamins. However, hundreds of millions of Americans who do consume B12 may also be at risk because of conditions that could be hampering their body's absorption of B12.

B12 absorption is a complex multistep process that begins in the mouth and ends at the far end of the small intestine. When we chew, our food gets mixed with saliva. When the food is swallowed, a substance in saliva called R-protein – a protein that protects B12 from being destroyed by stomach acid – travels to the stomach along with the food.

Specific cells in the stomach lining, called parietal cells, secrete two substances that are important to B12 absorption. One is stomach acid – it splits food and B12 apart, allowing the vitamin to bind to the saliva's R-protein. The other substance, called intrinsic factor, mixes with the stomach's contents and travels with them into the first part of the small intestine – the duodenum. Once in the duodenum, pancreatic juices release B12 from R-protein and hand it to intrinsic factor. This pairing allows B12 to be absorbed into cells, where it can then help maintain nerve cells and form healthy red blood cells.

A B12 deficiency typically involves a breakdown at one or more of these points on the way to absorption.

Risk factors for B12 deficiency

Without saliva, B12 will not bind to the saliva's R-protein, and the body's ability to absorb it is inhibited. And there are hundreds of different drugs that can cause dry mouth, resulting in too little saliva production. They include opioids, inhalers, decongestants, antidepressants, blood pressure drugs and benzodiazepines, like Xanax, used to treat anxiety.

The last three categories alone account for easily 100 million prescriptions in the US each year.

Another potential contributor to B12 deficiency is low levels of stomach acid. Hundreds of millions of Americans take anti-ulcer medications that reduce ulcer-causing stomach acids. Researchers have firmly linked the use of these drugs to B12 deficiency – although that possibility may not outweigh the need for the medication.

Production of stomach acid can also decrease with aging. More than 60 million people in the U.S. are over age 60, and some 54 million are over the age of 65. This population faces a higher risk of B12 deficiency – which may be further increased by use of acid-reducing medications.

Production of gastric acid and intrinsic factor by the specialized parietal cells in the stomach is critical for B12 absorption to occur. But damage to the stomach lining can prevent production of both.

In humans, impaired stomach lining stems from gastric surgery, chronic inflammation or pernicious anemia – a medical condition characterized by fatigue and a long list of other symptoms.

Another common culprit of B12 deficiency is inadequate pancreas function. About one-third of patients with poor pancreas function develop a B12 deficiency.

And lastly, Metformin, a drug used by around 92 million Americans to treat Type 2 diabetes, has been associated with B12 deficiency for decades.

Treatment for B12 deficiency

While some health care providers routinely measure B12 and other vitamin levels, a typical well-check exam includes only a complete blood count and a metabolic panel, neither of which measures B12 status. If you experience potential symptoms of a B12 deficiency and also have one of the risk factors above, you should see a doctor to be tested. A proper lab workup and discussion with a physician are necessary to discover or rule out whether inadequate B12 levels could be at play.

In the case of my dog Scout, her symptoms led the vet to run two blood tests: a complete blood count and a B12 test. These are also good starting points for humans. Scout's symptoms went away after a few months of taking oral B12 supplements that also contained an active form of the B vitamin folate.

In humans, the type of treatment and length of recovery depend on the cause and severity of the B12 deficiency. Full recovery can take up to a year but is very possible with appropriate treatment.

Treatment for B12 deficiency can be oral, applied under the tongue or administered through the nose, or it may require various types of injections. A B12 supplement or balanced multivitamin may be enough to correct the deficiency, as it was for Scout, but it's best to work with a health care provider to ensure proper diagnosis and treatment.

(By Diane Cress, Wayne State University, The Conversation)

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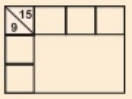
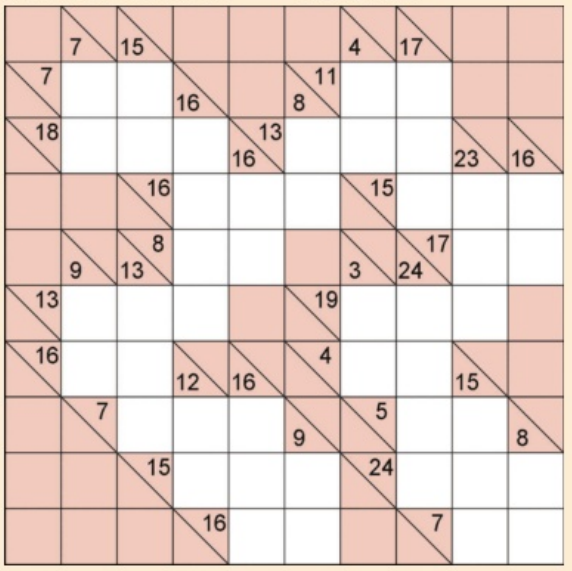
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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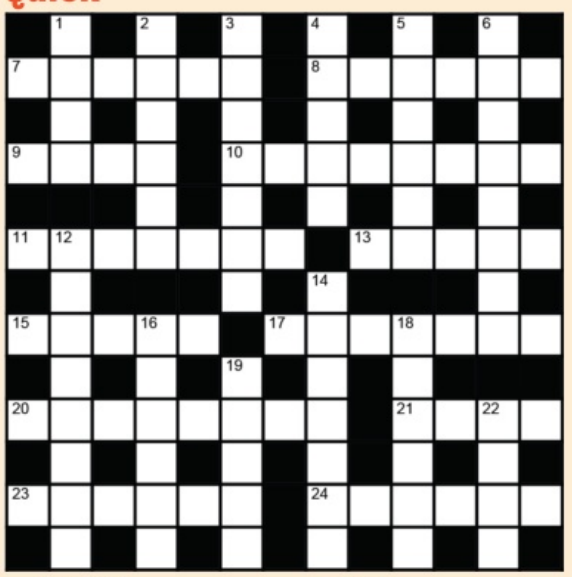


ACROSS

7 Soldier's trench (6)
8 Complete or whole (6)
9 Having digits on foot (4)
10 It has 366 days (4,4)
11 Battled or boxed with (7)
13 Madrid locale (5)
15 Narrow sea arm (5)
17 Importance or seriousness (7)
20 Femme fatale, spy (4,4)
21 Famous school (4)
23 Closed up (6)
24 Extra space (6)

DOWN

1 Japanese martial art (4)
2 Edge or limit (6)
3 Unnatural or stiff? (7)
4 Carrying chair (5)
5 Not go to bed (4,2)
6 Church musician (8)
12 Men, apes or monkeys? (8)
14 Tourist destination home to the Ranganatha Swamy Temple (1,1,5)
16 Makes sweeping search as with net (6)
18 Changed direction (6)
19 Obscene (5)
22 Alright (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: V EQUALS G

UGT ARU ANWEF LTPQ BTEE KT SRY'J KTJU HPOTYF KWU BNWEF YTLTP JUNNX UN RF-SOUUOYV OU.

Linemaro

If I had to choose between breathing or loving you, I would say 'I love you' with my last breath

Mindchow

Those who are at war with others are not at peace with themselves

Joke of the day

Don't steal. The government hates competition

Loop

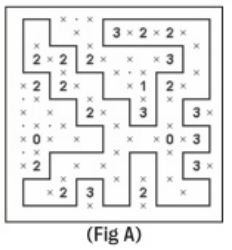
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



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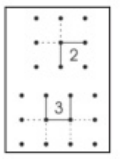

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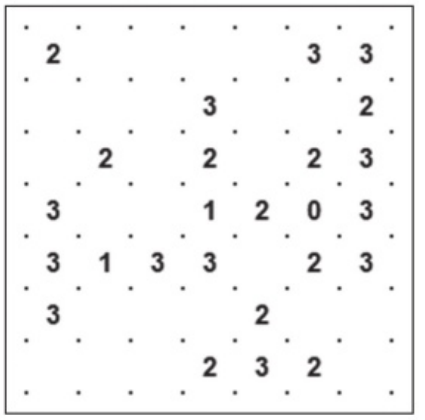
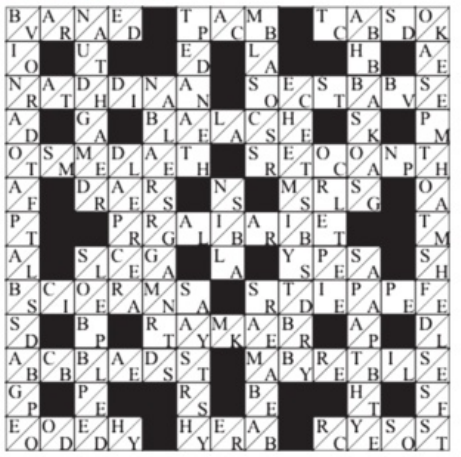


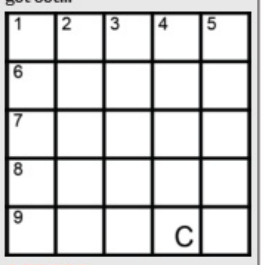
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Arhat; 6 At ire;
7 Tiara; 8 Kit is;
9 Tucks

DOWN

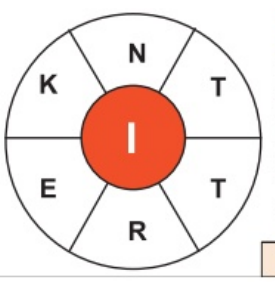
1 Stair; 2 Art it;
3 Auk hi; 4 Tacit;
5 Asker

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?

1, 2.25, 3.75, 5.5, 7.5, 9.75, ?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

10 Average; **12** Good; **14** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	8						2	
	5		8		3		7	
1				6				9
	9	7	6		1	5	4	
	4						9	
	6	5	4		2	7	3	
9				7				8
	7		2		4		6	
	1						5	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

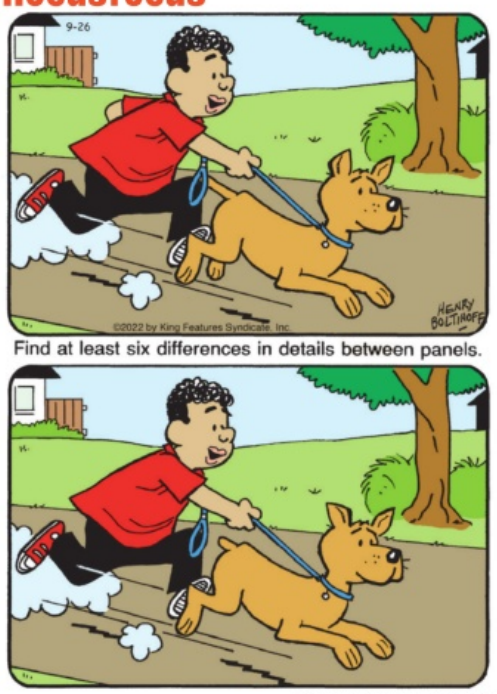
Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 1
2 2 4 5

Medium = 14
5 7 7 9

Hard = 2
3 7 8 5

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Tail is shorter. 2. Paw is not showing. 3. Arm is not showing. 4. Fence is not as wide. 5. Tree trunk is thinner. 6. Ear is moved.

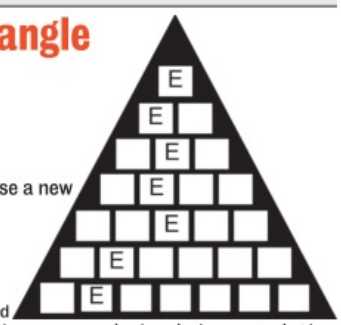
Riddler

When you curtail a word, you remove the last letter and still have a valid word. You will be given clues for the two words, longer word first.

1. Grass –> Set of rules imposed by an authority
2. Chess piece –> Clawed animal foot
3. Bedding, tablecloth –> A mark longer than it is wide
4. Baker's number –> Sleep lightly

Alpha triangle

1 Second vowel
2 ___tu Brute ...
3 Matching pieces
4 Pause
5 Balsa and birch
6 More concise
7 Hears a court case a new



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

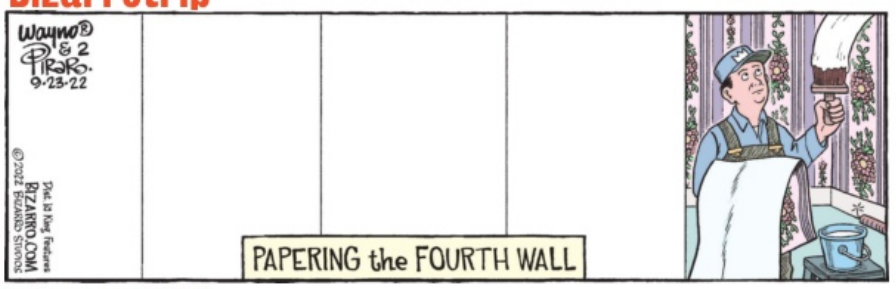
DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

IT'S SAD... YOU CAN TELL BY THE SIZE OF THE STUMP THAT THIS WAS ONCE A VERY BIG TREE
BUT THE BIG ONES ARE THE KIND THEY ALWAYS CUT DOWN
Yates/Casson
9-13
EVERYONE KEPT TELLING ME "GET MORE EXERCISE! GO ON A DIET"...

Bizarrotrip



Diamond Lil

HEY, SHOULDN'T YOU BE FALLING?
TRUST ME, I WILL BE
RIGHT AFTER I FINISH THIS LONG ISLAND ICED TEA
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Hart of the city

THE TOURNEY IS DOWN TO YOU TWO! THE BLACK LOTUS CARD IS IN THE BAG!
WE WONDERED WHICH PLAYERS WERE DOING A CLEAN SWEEP.
RANDY AND ANDY! I'M NOT SURPRISED YOU TWO ARE BEHIND THIS, AFTER YOUR LAST SCHEME!
WHAT CAN WE SAY? WE LOVE CRIME.
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Crankshaft

CLOSED
VALENTINE
MISTER...?
CRANKSHAFT.
9-20
MISTER CRANKSHAFT... WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO MEET YOUR GRANDSON AND HIS WIFE TODAY AND MAYBE TAKE THEM TO DINNER?
I DON'T SEE WHY NOT...
I'M REALLY GLAD WE'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE TONIGHT!
BATUK & DAVIS

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, past investments may give you good profits. You may get good results after easy work. Your obstacles may go away now. Your financial status may be improved. New sources of income may be there. Couples may hear good news in terms of children. You may get success easily after little effort.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you are likely to meet someone with the help of whom you will see positive growth in your business or work. your destiny may help you and your losses may now convert to profits. Your financial health may be on track now. Lovebirds are advised to take some important decisions in terms of marriage. Singles are likely to find their soulmate.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, situations are under control. You are blessed by Jupiter and can expect to get some important position or post in the office. You may be inclined towards spiritualism and mythological facts. You may also find yourself to be deep in thought. It can make you confident in your way of working. You may also plan for an overseas trip.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may feel unhappy and dull. It can affect your way of working. There may be some delay in your projects that are to be completed. It may affect your prestige in your professional and domestic life. It is advised to avoid adventure tours or rash driving. Lovebirds may break up if not careful. Job seekers may be disappointed in terms of new work.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may perform your best in the office. You may have good bonding with your boss and may get some new responsibilities in terms of promotions. Chronic health issues may be cured now. You may get good incentives for your work also. Disputes with siblings may be resolved now. Job seekers may find new work.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may feel healthy and old diseases may be cured now. You may hear some good news from your relatives. You may perform well in the office. Your colleagues may help you with any critical project. You may develop faith in your junior staff. It may increase your prestige in society. You may also hear good news in some legal matters.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you are likely to be busy with your kids' education and career. You may hear some good news in terms of their academics. Lovebirds are advised to keep patience in terms of their relationships. Investors are advised to avoid investing in risky assets, or they might convert to losses. It is advised to do meditation or yoga to come out from this situation.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you will be a victim of dissatisfaction. You may not get results for your hard work. It may bring disappointments and can make you upset. You are advised to read documents carefully before signing a contract or paper. Investments may be possible. You are advised to follow your intuition before making investments in fixed assets. Overworking may affect your domestic life.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may be busy with social get-togethers and family occasions. It may boost your network. You may also plan for a work-related short trip. Disputes between siblings or friends may be resolved now. Your colleagues may cooperate with you to complete a difficult project. You are likely to complete all tasks with self-confidence. You are advised to keep patience while interacting with any person.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may implement some new plans in your family business. it will pay you in terms of gains in the near future. You may also be busy with family or social get-togethers. You may spend money to buy some creative items to renovate your house, which will increase your social status. Today you must be careful about your teeth, ears, eyes, nose, and skin.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you are blessed by the moon. Happiness may be around you and can help you enjoy your day to-day-work. Your vital power may help you to take difficult decisions, which will increase your profits in the near future. You may plan for a work-related short trip. Colleagues may support you to complete your work on time. Students may be more focused on studies. You are advised to control your eating habits to avoid stomach issues.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may feel dull. Sleeplessness may affect your mental and physical health. You may also be upset due to health issues of your family members. Your expenditure on worthless items may affect your savings. You may be a victim of conspiracy, so you are advised to keep an eye on your opponents.

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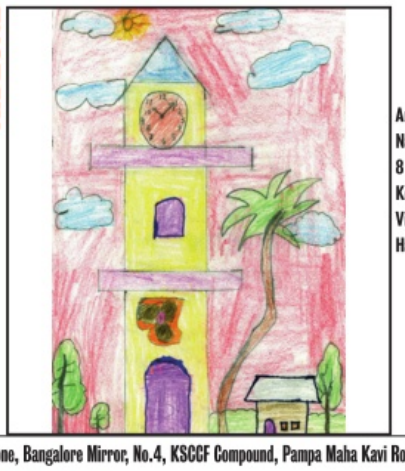

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
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= [3 – 27 + 3]/3
= [–27 + 6]/3
= –21/3 = –7

BULL'S EYE
inert, kite, kitten, knit, rein, rink, rite, tier, tine, tinker, tint, trine, TRINKET, trite

STRIKE OUT

QUICK

SUDOKU

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7	8	3	1	4	9	6	2	5

MENSA PUZZLE
12.25: add 1.25, 1.5, 1.75, 2, 2.25, 2.5.

QUOTE UNCODE
The cat could very well be man's best friend but would never stoop to admitting it.

ALPHA TRIANGLE
E, ET, Set, Rest, Trees, Terser, Retrles.

GO FIGURE
Easy
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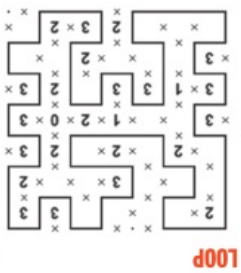
Medium
9 – 7 + 7 + 5 = 14
Hard
8 – 5 x 3 – 7 = 2

LOOP



KAKURO

RIDDLER
1. Lawn -> Law,
2. Pawn -> Paw,
3. Linen -> Line,
4. Dozen -> Doze

FAST FIVE

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In the festival circuit
The coming-of-age film 'Kacchey Limbu' is heading to World Film Festival of Bangkok and International Film Festival Of Kerala (IFFK) as part of the festivals' official selection

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Hale venture

Bizwoman Kat steps into health & wellness space

Bollywood actress Katrina Kaif is adding another feather to her hat by turning entrepreneur and venturing into the health and wellness space.

The actress, who already has a successful beauty line to her credit, is reportedly keen to expand her business profile with a wellness line.

Kat, has already made a name for herself as a health and fitness enthusiast, so this new venture comes as no surprise. According to reports, the actress is apparently 'very excited' for this new business venture.

Fans can expect an official announcement on the same in the near future.

Besides Kat, celebs including Deepika Padukone, Alia Bhatt, Priyanka Chopra, Salman Khan, Hrithik Roshan and many others have ventured into the fitness, lifestyle and beauty markets.

On the movie front, Katrina was last seen in 'Phone Bhoot'. The actress is currently shooting for her next film 'Merry Christmas' that is slated to hit screens next year.

Kaif will also be seen in 'Tiger 3', co-starring Salman Khan. Emraan Hashmi essays the negative lead in this action entertainer. Recently, Salman Khan had announced that the third instalment of the 'Tiger' franchise will hit the screens during Diwali 2023. The film was earlier supposed to release on 21 April 2023, coinciding with the festival of Eid, but it has been pushed to the latter half of 2023. Directed by Maneesh Sharma, 'Tiger 3' will also feature a cameo by Shah Rukh Khan, in his 'Pathaan' avatar. —ETimes

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Dancing stars

Ayushmann Khurrana has danced his heart out for 'An Action Hero' with Malaika Arora and Nora Fatehi.

"It has been an absolute pleasure to dance with two of the biggest dancing stars of India - Malaika Arora in the situational song Aap Jaisa Koi and Nora Fatehi in Jehda Nasha in my upcoming release An Action Hero."

"They are stunningly gorgeous performers and they are also beautiful human beings. I had the best time working with them for these dance numbers which I hope will be loved by audiences across the country," says Ayushmann.

He adds, "Essaying the role of a superstar from the Hindi film industry has been a fun ride for me as I not only got to do some hardcore action in the film but also got to dance with these sensational dancers who have got everyone hooked with their incredible talent."

Ayushmann says, "I have tried to match steps with them and this experience will be forever memorable for me because I have danced my heart out for the first time in a film and had so much fun! Dancing like this in my films was part of my bucket list for sure." —IANS

The buzz: It's a date

Kriti Sanon and Prabhas are said to be the newest couple in B-Town. Reportedly, they have grown very fond of each other while shooting for Adipurush. Buzz around the town is that the Baahubali actor has proposed to the actress on the sets of the film. According to a report in Bollywood Life, Prabhas went down on his knees for Kriti. They will soon make it official too as they take the next step in their relationship, the report further stated.

Recently, Varun Dhawan dropped a hint about Kriti Sanon's love life. On the sets of a reality show, Varun seemingly confirmed Kriti and Prabhas' romance.

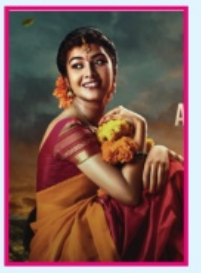
In a promo video from the sets, Karan is seen asking Varun why Kriti's name was not mentioned in the eligible single's list. To this, he replies, "I didn't take Kriti's name because Kriti's name..." Kriti interrupts Varun, but he continues, " ... is in somebody's heart." Karan goes on to ask Varun to say the name. He says, " There is a person in Mumbai who is currently shooting with Deepika (Padukone)." Varun was hinting at Prabhas. —ETimes

SANDALWOOD SHOTS

Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Star in the making

Good news for the hardcore fans of Prem alias Nenapirali Prem. Prem's daughter Amrutha is all set to make her debut as a leading lady in Sandalwood. Amrutha will play the female lead in Tagaru Palya, directed by Umesh K Krupa. She is paired opposite Nagabhushan.



Director Umekah K Krupa said the unit of Tagaru Palya was looking for a fresh face to play the female lead. "I happened to meet Amrutha at one event. I told her about Tagaru Palya. Amrutha told me that she would revert after going through the script. Now, she has agreed to act in this movie. She is playing an innocent village belle in the movie," said the director.

Prem gave his whole-hearted support to his daughter's acting venture. "I am sure the director would have a good story. My daughter is pursuing biomedical engineering. She has been practising to act in this movie for quite some time. I hope movie lovers will encourage her," said Prem.

Hope pinned

Colonel Rajendran (retired), one of the five producers of Monk the Young, has high hopes for the movie's success. The film's soundtrack was released at MMB Legacy on Monday by Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce president Ba Ma Harish.

Colonel Rajendran, who also plays a key role in the film, said the movie has come out very well and he is confident of its success at the box office. "I am fortunate to have such a wonderful team that has worked hard. I thought lyricist Ashwin Shanbhag would be an older gentleman, but I was shocked to see a young person coming to the stage when the anchor requested the lyricist to come on to the stage. The lyrics penned by him are meaningful," said Colonel Rajendran.

Director Maschit Surya said that he has given the film all his effort. Vinay Babu Reddy, one of the producers who also acts in the movie, said he told Rishab Shetty his movie Kantara would become a success at the box-office. "My prediction has been proven right. I think Monk the Young will also become a huge success not only in Karnataka but across the country," said Vijay Babu Reddy.